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Council: public meetings needed on casino

By Steve Marschke
News-Ledger Editor

Some see the proposed Indian gaming casino in West Sacramento as a potential gold mine.

Others see it as evil incarnate.

But the West Sacramento City Council on Wednesday appeared to see it mostly as a headache, as they struggled with the decision of best to look after their city's interests amid a process that is largely outside their control.

A citizen's referendum struck down a city council deal with the proposed casino project, and the tribe and its allies are pursuing a federal court judgment allowing them to buy West Sacramento land and put it into trust for a gaming and resort complex. That decision, as well as the tribe's negotiations with the governor's office, will determine whether the casino comes to town.

The issue of what to do next – whether to pursue another agreement between the city and the tribe, and the question of how to represent the city's interests in front of the federal judge – were on the table at last week's council meeting. Central concerns included whether West Sacramento should adopt the best financial deal it can with the project, before the tribe (possibly) wins its court case giving it rights to buy city land, and the city's bargaining position is weakened.

But many members of the public spoke simply to their individual feelings about the gaming project.

"I like the idea of having a casino in West Sacramento, but I don't like the idea of the undercutting politics that have been going on," opined resident Bill Resendez.

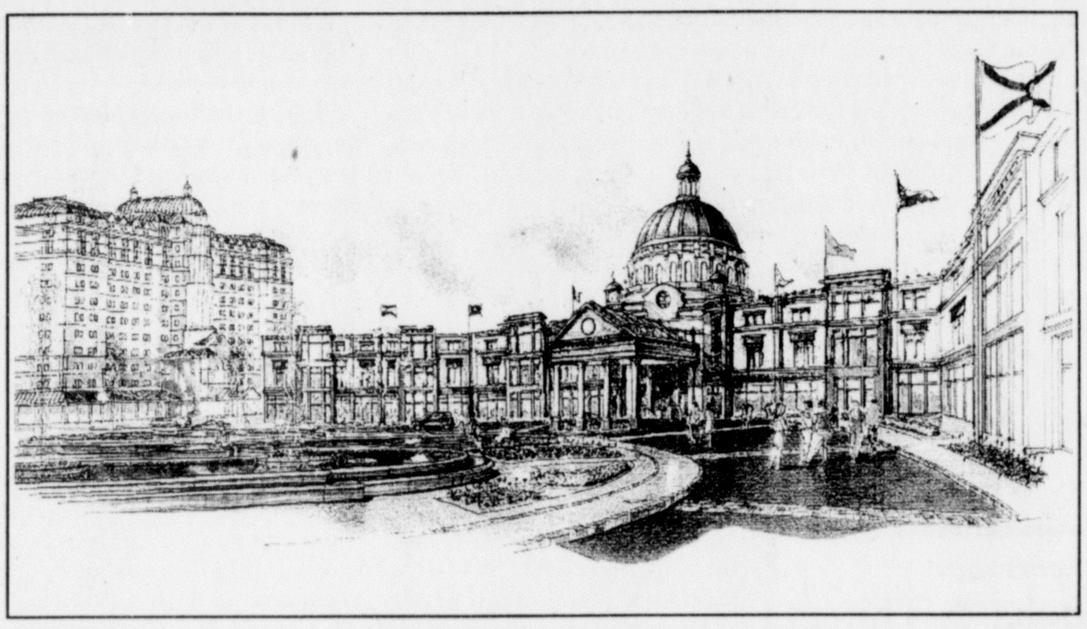
Citizen Rusty Mendez chastised the County of Yolo and the Washington Unified School District, now opposing the project after having missed a chance to work with it.

"If the Board of Supervisors and WUSD were not aware of the Capitol Resort Casino project, it shows they are not in touch with West Sacramento," she said.

Cheryl Schmidt, director of the "Stand Up for California" group opposing some gaming, said West Sacramentants have been in touch with her about this project.

"The investor for this tribe at every turn has attempted. . . an end-run around the governor's veto power," she charged. She added that the last tribe that the casino's ally had worked with "was not very happy with what they ended up with."

One local woman told the council that she was disappointed with the process that led the city to a closed-door deal with the casino (now nullified).



ARTISTS' RENDERING of the proposed Capitol Resort Casino project, which a Clear Lake-based band of Pomo Indians hopes to bring to the northwest corner of West Sacramento

"I think what I want is part, not all, of mly belief in the process restored," she said. "I think you have the power to make that happen."

She added that she works in a Sacramento office, and after the news broke of West Sacramento's deal, she "took a fair amount of ribbing as I walked down the hallways, that I live in a city that only does things behind closed doors."

Resident Joe Lopez pointed out that the casino deal promises up to $14 million per year for the city's coffers.

"$6 million in the first year and possibly $14 million the next year is certainly an amount this city needs," he said. "Let the horse move forward. Progress."

Others praised the project for promising jobs, and criticized it for threatening to bring crime.

Some appealed to a duty to provide economic independence for Native Americans.

"I encourage you to take this opportunity to, on a human level, make amends to the native people of this state," said Karen Blum.

City councilman Oscar Villegas, who spearheaded the petition drive to overturn the casino deal adopted by three of his colleagues, proposed a series of public hearings so that citizens and the council alike could learn about the positive and negative aspects of the proposal.

"We've not had adequate discussion for a community like ours to make a decision whether or not to have a casino," said Villegas.

Councilmen Bill Kristoff and Mark Montemayor, who had voted with then-councilman Jim Cahill to make the deal with the Upper Lake Pomo band proposing the casino, explained that they had done so solely to protect the city's interests.

"I have tried and tried and tried to make the point," said Kristoff. "A federal judge out in San Francisco is going to make a determination whether this band has the standing to acquire that property...I thought that decision would already have been made. I thought it would be made in November, December – something like that. That's one of the reasons I signed (the agreement). I believed we were putting in place an insurance policy for the city."

Mayor Christopher Cabaldon had joined Villegas in opposing the late-2002 agreement. Wednesday, He called the deal both premature and flawed. But he allowed that "we might need to have (an agreement with the casino) regardless of your position on the casino."

The council, by consensus, directed its staff to outline some ideas on how to proceed with public hearings on the proposal. That discussion will return to the council tonight.

The tribe's proposal involves 67 acres at the intersection of I-80 and Reed Ave.

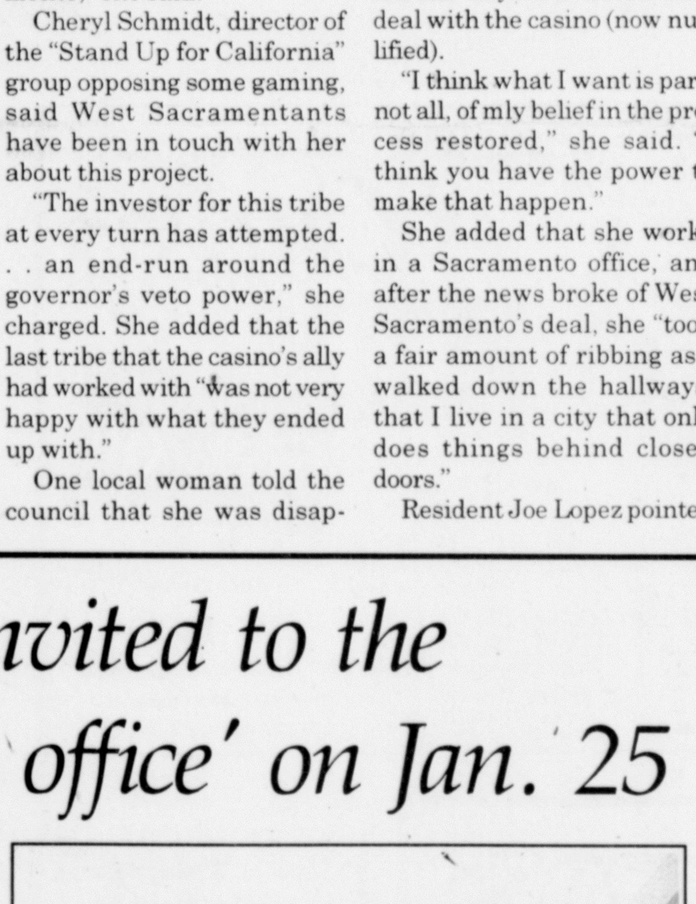
You're invited to the 'people's office' on Jan. 25

From Art Schroeder
City of West Sacramento

Residents are invited to an open house celebration at West Sacramento's new Civic Center, which is located at 1110 West Capitol Avenue, on Saturday, January 25th from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The celebration will bring together past and present city council members, city commissioners, community leaders, architects, construction crews, and citizens of West Sacramento. To mark the occasion, visitors can sign a guest book that will be among the historical items placed into a Civic Center time capsule -- not to be opened for 50 years.

As an overture to the event, the West Sacramento Community Orchestra will perform in the Galleria prior to the 11:30 a.m. welcoming ceremony.



Activities for the day will include: tours of the Civic Center beginning in the council chambers on the second floor; informational exhibits from city agencies and departments in the large meeting room on the first floor; and refreshments and local entertainment.

Construction of the 64,000 square foot Civic Center was completed in 14 months at a cost of approximately $11 million.

For more information about the open house, call 617-4500.

Teachers pay dispute: union calls for temporary job action

By News-Ledger Staff

Local teachers are in a scheduled – but mild – labor action against their employer, the Washington Unified School District, as the union feels "that our teachers' salaries are falling further behind comparable teachers' salaries in surrounding districts.

The union is engaged in a limited-time "work to rule" action, asking members not to perform duties not strictly part of their contract. This includes avoiding "voluntary" or "hourly" duties such as after-school tutoring, foregoing help with after-school programs and clubs, and declining to cover their peers' absences from the classroom, even when substitute teachers aren't available.

Mort Geivett, principal at River City High School, was contacted last week when the high school was the only district campus in session following the holiday break. He said that, at that time, the work slowdown was not creating large problems.

"We're only a couple of days into it," said Geivett. "We haven't really suffered too much of a substantial problem."

He said that most teachers seemed to be honoring prior verbal commitments to help with certain after-school pro-

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District celebrates local campuses that exceed testing goals

Six West Sacramento schools will be honored at the local school board meeting Jan. 23 for exceeding their state-mandated test score improvement goals.

The "Superintendent's Superior Achievement Awards" recognizes those campuses that at least double the point gain mandated through State Academic Performance Index (API) growth targets.

Honored are:

Elkhorn Elementary, previously designated a "lower performing school," but achieving a 64 point gain in the API scoring – Yolo County's largest improvement margin, and the second-biggest gain among Sacramento-area elementary schools;

Alyce Norman and Bryte Elementary schools, improving 45 and 32 points, respectively;

Westmore Oaks Elementary, a "California Distinguished School" last year, which gained 37 points;

Southport Elementary, another "distinguished" school, which grew 11 points to exceed a three-point target;

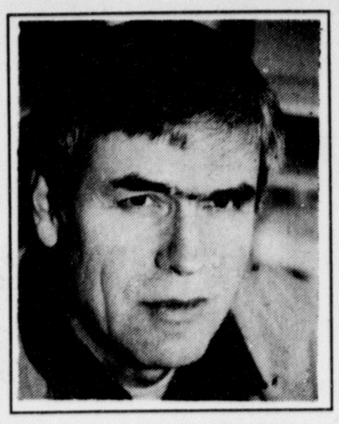
Golden State Middle School, which improved by 32 points to break a score of 600, for third place in point gains among middle schools countywide.

"The WUSD Board of Trustees and I are absolutely delighted with the improvements in student achievement at these schools," said Superintendent Stu Greenfeld. "The staffs, both classified and certificated, along with administrators, students and parents, deserve to be recognized for these academic significant achievements."

The Jan. 23 board meeting will be held at Golden State Middle School at 7 p.m.

There's a right way and a wrong way to do this

My Back Pages



By Daryl Fisher

A little over a decade ago, while I was serving on the Washington Unified School District Board of Education, I cast a vote I still regret to this very day. I was part of a unanimous decision which sanctioned the district to use the power of eminent domain (a legal instrument which forces the sale of private property for the public good) so it could acquire approximately 70 acres of land near Jefferson Boulevard and Linden Road in Southport to use for the construction of a much needed new high school. I knew little of the family who owned the property, just that their name was Iwasaki, and all I really knew about the land in question was that it had been deemed by high-paid consultants to be the perfect place to build a new high school.

As the process went forward, I was to learn the following about the Iwasaki family:

In 1941, Nathan and Yoshie Iwasaki had only been married a few years and were farming the land they owned in West Sacramento when Pearl Harbor was suddenly attacked and World War Two broke out. Within a month of the bombing, the fear of a West Coast invasion and the racial prejudice against Japanese Americans which was already deeply rooted in California, meshed together and resulted in the creation of something called the War Relocation Authority. That government agency was given the task of relocating more than 110,000 Japanese Americans from their West Coast homes and businesses to internment camps, and about 20 members of the Iwasaki family were sent by train to the Tule Lake internment camp in Northern California, and were forced to stay there under armed guard until the end of the war.

"By the time we returned to our land," Yoshie Iwasaki told me a few years back, "our savings was gone and we had nothing left except for a few things we had managed to put in storage. But my husband built us a one room house (it was later enlarged as their three children grew older and needed more space) and it has been our home ever since."

Needless to say, having already experienced being forcefully removed from their land once in their lifetime, the Iwasaki family was not about to let it happen to them again. They energetically fought the school district's decision and with the help of numerous friends and local, state and even national media, they prevailed.

One would think that the Washington Unified School District had learned its lesson when it comes to the use of eminent domain, especially as it relates to the Iwasaki family, but as I write this, the school district has once again narrowed its choice of a site for what is still a much needed new high school down to basically two properties, one of which is largely made up of the land the Iwasaki family still calls home. The other property the district apparently is interested in is near Southport Elementary School and owned by the Port of Sacramento, but with all its financial problems, it is highly unlikely that the port will be the least bit interested in selling land they can use to buffer themselves from Southport residents or someday develop into God only knows what to help with the bottom line.

"The first time the school district did this," said Phyllis Iwasaki earlier this week, "we found out about it in the newspaper. This time they at least sent us a letter, where the first paragraph asked for a meeting with the family, and the second paragraph once again threatened the use of eminent domain."

No one is more interested in seeing West Sacramento have a new high school than I am. Having been a substitute teacher at River City High School off and on for most of a decade, I have seen what it's like to try and squeeze 1,600 young adults into a facility that was originally made for 900. Just successfully getting from one class to another on time and finding somewhere to sit down to eat lunch in the cafeteria is a major victory for students on most days. So, yes, it's time for West Sacramento to face up to the reality that we desperately need a new high school, but like with most everything else in life, there is a right way and a wrong way to go about it.

First, if the Iwasaki property is in fact the very best place to build a new high school, then the reasons behind that -- every single one of them -- needs to be explained in detail (and in person) to the family. They are very reasonable people and have always valued education (all three of Nathan and Yoshie Iwasaki's children were either the valedictorian or salutatorian of their respective Clarksburg High School graduating classes). And this discussion needs to take place with the Iwasaki's knowing for a fact that the use of eminent domain is no longer on the table and will not be exercised no matter what the family decides. And if they say "no thank you", then the school district needs to accept that decision and work a little harder at coming up with a "Plan B."

Second, the Vince Frugoli family needs to be treated in a similar fashion, since it is my understanding that in addition to the Iwasaki family property, the school district wants to purchase adjoining land from the Frugoli family which will also be needed in the construction of a new, 3,000 student high school.

Third, instead of having yet another media bloodbath and public relations nightmare trying to take the Iwasaki land through the use of eminent domain, the school district, which says it wants to have a new high school bond measure ready to place on the 2004 ballot, needs to be spending their time educating West Sacramento voters about the true necessity of such a facility, how it's going to be financed and at what cost, specifically what it will consist of and what it will look like, why a 3,000 student facility is needed instead of something smaller and more student-friendly, etc., etc. And they need to start doing all of that tomorrow, if not sooner.

And finally, the West Sacramento City Council needs to get off its collective butt when it comes to public education problems in this community and be a player instead of a spectator. After all, it was our political leaders who approved all the new growth in Southport and it's my understanding that there are still a thousand more homes to be built. It's one thing to say how important education is to you while you're out on the campaign trail, but quite another to do something concrete to address the most critical problems once you've been elected.

Although it's true that developer fees will pay for most of the new elementary schools West Sacramento is going to need to keep up with all the new housing growth the city has approved, the reality is that those kids will also be needing to go to middle school and then high school, and this city has woefully inadequate facilities at both those levels of education which can only be improved by passing a general obligation bond, and it will require the city to work just as hard as the school district to make it a reality.

It also seems to me that if the city council is capable of doing everything in its power to give away a huge chunk of prime real estate to build a new governor's mansion, then maybe they can also help our school district come up with the land they desperately need to properly educate the children of this community.

This I do know. The future of West Sacramento is its children and this city will never be the very best it can be until we as a community do a much, much better job in the area of public education. And like everything else in life, there's always a right way and a wrong way to go about it.



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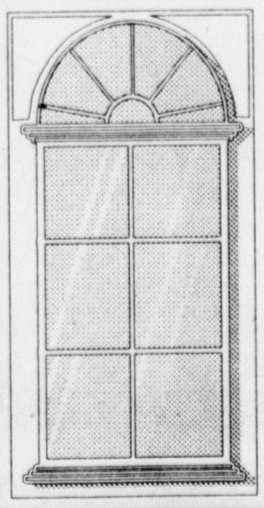
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3. TELEVISION: On "M*A*S*H," what was the real first name of the character called Hawkeye Pierce?
4. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Which year's World's Fair had the theme of "The World of Tomorrow"?
5. LITERATURE: Who wrote the book "Working"?
6. HISTORY: What was the date of the stock market's "Black Tuesday" in 1929?
7. FILM: What movie based on a Henry Fielding novel won the 1963 Oscar for Best Picture?
8. RELIGION: Which book of the Bible describes how God gave the Ten Commandments to Moses?
9. GEOGRAPHY: Where is Prudhoe Bay?
10. MYTHOLOGY: Who was the Roman goddess of the hearth?

Answers

1. Lyndon Johnson
2. Venus
3. Benjamin
4. 1939
5. Studs Terkel
6. Oct. 29
7. "Tom Jones"
8. Exodus
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SPORTS INSIDER

By Richard Novoa



OAKLAND's most zealous fans, in their team's main color, form the infamous 'Black Hole' (photo by Rich Novoa)

NFL PLAYOFFS

The road to Super Bowl XXVII in San Diego on January 26th is now open in the diamond lane with the four best teams in the NFL remaining to claim the Lombardi Trophy. Last weekend all four teams won their home games and for the first time since 1998 the No. 1 seeds will be hosting the second seeds for the Conference Championships.

In the AFC the Silver and Black attack scored 20 unanswered points in the second half to ground the Jets 30-10 while the Titans won their knockout battle in Tennessee over the Pittsburgh Steelers 34-31 in overtime. It's down to one game and the Raiders understand what's at stake since their last Super Bowl appearance was 19 years ago! The road to the Super Bowl will pass through Oakland next Sunday, January 19th (3:30 p.m.-ch.13) and it won't be a blackout on television.

The Raiders defense closed down the airport runway pressuring the Jets young quarterback into two second-half interceptions and two fumbles. The Raiders defense held the Jets to 287 total yards while the Raiders offense rumbled to 399 yards. The Raiders, who beat up Tennessee 52-25 on September 29th, will have their hands full with the playoff experienced Titans. The Titans, who lost their only Super Bowl appearance to the Rams in 2000, have turned their season around after being mugged at the Black Hole, winning 11 out of their last 13 games.

The league's MVP, Rich Gannon, only completed 20 of 30 passes for 283 yards but his leadership and experience on field was the difference in winning the game. Gannon used a couple of great pump fakes that froze the Jets secondary then threw perfect strikes to wide receiver Jerry Porter, who caught 6 passes for a game high 123 yards and one touchdown. The Raiders finished the season with the NFL's No. 1 passing offense.

In the NFC showdown in Tampa Bay the 49ers showed up but the Buccaneers coaching staff laid out a perfect ambush and took no prisoners ending the San Francisco's season with a 31-6 win. The 49ers had a real bad day at the office losing 5 starting players during the game while turning over the ball 5 times to the league's No. 1 defense. A deadly combination!

The Buccaneers pressured Garcia, who completed 22-41 passes for 193 yards with no touchdowns and season-high three interceptions. The big blow to the Niners was the loss of the Niners' best cover man, Ahmed Plummer, in the first quarter with a dislocated shoulder. The 49ers defense never recovered and played on their heels all day. Then to make matters worst the 49ers were forced to use two new replacements including Duane Hawthorne, who had not played a down on defense this season. The Niners' other starting cornerback, Jason Webster, was out with a sprained ankle so Tampa Bay showed no mercy and attacked the Niners secondary, dominating the time of possession 36 minutes to the 49ers 23 minutes. The 49ers left their fourth quarter miracles in San Francisco so after building a 28-6 half time lead the healthy Buccaneers will sail into the NFC Championship game next Sunday (noon-FOX) in Philadelphia.

OK, enough whining. Here are my picks for the Conference Championships!

In the AFC the Raiders (-7 ½) are on a mission and if their defense can hold Eddie George to under 100 yards rushing the Raiders will be in San Diego but 7 ½ is too many points. The Raiders will win in a classic overtime thriller decided by a Janokowski field goal and a referee's mistake!

Oakland 27, Tennessee 24.

In the NFC the battle will feature the league's two best defenses and with both teams healthy this game will be another close game decided by a field goal. The Eagles are favored by 3 ½ points over the Bucs but I like Tampa Bay (+3 ½) to upset Philadelphia in their house.

Tampa Bay 23, Philadelphia 20.

Just think the Silver and Black attack wouldn't even have to leave California to face their ex-coach Jon Gruden and his Buccaneers in Super Bowl XXXVII. Can you imagine the Black Hole fans along with Raiders and Buccaneers in the quiet city of San Diego! Go Raiders!

See ya next week!

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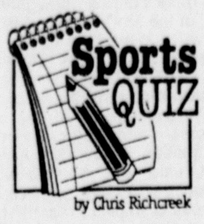
Man is the only animal that laughs and has a state legislature.
—Samuel Butler

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He who finds himself loses his misery.
—Matthew Arnold

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1. How many times has a catcher been named the Most Valuable Player of the National League Championship Series?
2. Who was the last major-leaguer to hit three triples in a game before Atlanta's Rafael Furcal did it in 2002?
3. True or false: NFL Hall of Fame coach George Allen once coached in the USFL?
4. Name the last No. 15 seed to beat a No. 2 seed in men's basketball at the NCAA Tournament.
5. How many seasons has New York Rangers center Mark Messier been in the NHL?
6. How many times did Gigi Fernandez and Mary Joe Fernandez win Olympic gold medals in women's doubles tennis?
7. Whom did John Daly beat in a playoff to win his only major — the 1995 British Open?

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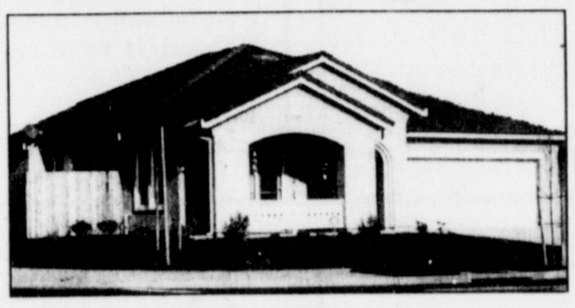
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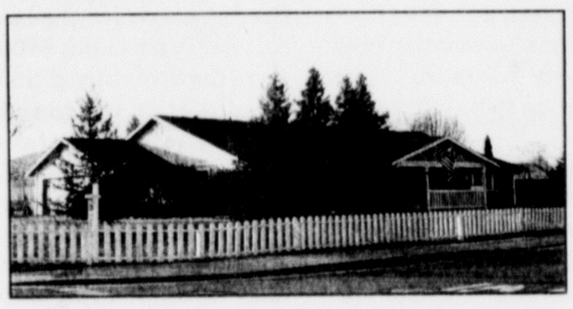
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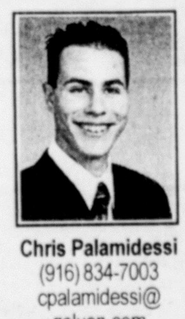
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ATTENTION: All girls 6-16 years old!

Come join the fun this spring with the 'West Sac Girls Softball League!'

SIGNUPS will be held on the following days for players, managers, coaches & board members:

Sat., Jan. 11, 11am-2pm
Sat., Jan. 18, 11am-2pm
Sat., Jan. 25, 11am-2pm

...at the ballfields, in the snack bar, at Alyce Norman Elementary School, corner of Todhunter & Anna streets.

Jan. 25 is 'last chance' signups!

REGISTRATION FEE includes $10 work deposit:

T-Ball & Rookies: $55 reg. fee
Minors: $65 reg. fee
Majors: $75 reg. fee

Deposit can be worked off by helping on field day, equipment day, opening day or any game days.

DIVISION & PLAYING AGES:

T-Ball: 6-7 year age group
Rookies: 7-9 years (7 yrs with experience)
Minors: 10-12 years
Majors: 13-16 years

'Playing age' is age on Jan. 1, 2003.

For info, call 375-1820.



This week in local government

The West Sacramento City Council will meet in open session at 7 p.m. tonight (Jan. 15) at 1110 West Capitol Ave. Agenda items include a proclamation honoring the "Troopers" CYSA soccer team; an appeal of the planning commission's determination for a rail loading facility on South River Road; adoption of the Jefferson Blvd. Widening Project initial study; consideration of eight Raley Field usage days for non-profit groups; an agreement to extend the Enterprise Zone for five years;

Contract for a "goodwill loss valuation consultant" in conjunction with rail spur relocation in the Triangle area; contract for relocation consulting services for the same area in connection with the Pacific Materials rail spur relocation; Jefferson Blvd. update; planning to implement half-cent local sales tax increase; consideration of participation with city of Davis in annexation into SMUD power district; discussion of options for public education and input on the proposed local casino project.

The West Sacramento Planning Commission is scheduled to meet at 6 p.m. on Thursday at 1110 West Capitol Ave. Agenda items include extension of the temporary certificate of occupancy for the new civic center building and an update on the city's parks master plan. An item concerning proposed changes to the West Sacramento Zoning Ordinance is expected to be postponed.

The commission has canceled its Feb. 6 meeting and its next following meeting is scheduled for Feb. 20.

The West Sacramento Economic Development Advisory Commission (EDAC) will meet at 6 p.m. on Wed., Jan. 22, at 1110 West Capitol Ave. Agenda items are not yet available.

Police log

Jan. 4, 12:05 p.m.
A 1999 Toyota Corolla was reported stolen from Poplar Ave.

Jan. 4, 9 a.m.
A 1994 Honda Civic was reported stolen from Bodega Bay Rd..

Jan. 6, 9 a.m.
A car reported stolen from Sacramento was recovered on Douglas St.

Jan. 6, 10:15 a.m.
A juvenile was reported to have run away from home.

Jan. 6, 11:10 a.m.
On Northport Dr., a truck & trailer were reported to have been stolen during the weekend..

Jan. 6, 1 p.m.
A television set was reported stolen from a Halyard Dr. motel room.

Jan. 6, 7:18 p.m.
On Proctor Ave., a four-wheel drive vehicle was reported stolen.

Jan. 7, 2:18 a.m.
Officers received a report that someone was "brandishing a weapon" at a West Capitol Ave. bar. The suspect was located, arrested and booked.

Jan. 7, 3:30 a.m.
Someone "egged" a car at a Touchstone Pl. condo and spray painted an epithet on the condo's window.

Jan. 8, 8:40 a.m.
A woman was cited for camping in public in a lot behind a business district drug store.

Jan. 8, 10:40 p.m.
An officer contacted a 38-year old man on F St. The man had a syringe and displayed symptoms of drug use. He was booked.

Jan. 11, 11:30 p.m.
An Evergreen Circle couple were separated, and a restraining order prevented the man from harassing the women. He reportedly went to the home and kicked in the front door. He was jailed.

Jan. 11, 3:11 p.m.
A man attacked another man with a baseball bat on Lisbon Ave., and left the scene before police arrived.

Jan. 11, 2:16 p.m.
An officer was dispatched to Alvin St. regarding a 35-year old woman who was hitting a car with a plastic bat and otherwise acting irrationally. She showed signs of drug use, and was arrested.

Jan. 12, 6:44 a.m.
Officers responded to the report of a burglary in progress. An intoxicated female resident told them someone broke the window to her home. The incident may have been linked to an earlier citation the woman received from police.

Jan. 12, 8:15 a.m.
An officer located a tent, set-up but empty, north of the I St. Bridge. It was booked as found property.

.Jan. 12, 10:25 a.m.
Two locked cars were burglarized on Evergreen Cir. A car stereo, car part and tools were missing.

Jan. 12, 6:25 p.m.
A mother and daughter got involved in a physical fight, escalating when the mother tried to hit the 16-year old with a rolling pin. The mother was arrested and the child was placed with her grandmother.

Jan. 12, 10:35 p.m.
Employees at a West Capitol video store placed a man under citizen's arrest for shoplifting.

Jan. 12, 11 p.m.
A person was reported to have told an acquaintance that he intended to walk in front of a moving car. Further details were removed from the report released to the public.

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grams including tutoring, and (partly because RCHS was the only campus in service) substitutes were available to cover absences from classrooms that might otherwise be covered by available full-time teachers.

"Teachers who do our after-school tutoring could say 'no, I'm not going to tutor.', " he said. "But they kind of have a verbal agreement to the administration and the kids."

About the problem of covering empty classrooms, often handled by teachers peers:

"Let's say we have a coach going out to Amador, and missing periods six and seven," said Geivett. "We'd go to a teacher who doesn't have a class those periods, and ask them to cover. They get paid. It's outside the contract. The teachers' union is saying to their teachers, 'we'd like you to not work in that situation.' But it's not mandatory from the union."

The "work to rule" job action is scheduled to proceed through Jan. 24.

Teachers' association president Patty Yamat explained her position to the News-Ledger:

"We've been without a contract since July 1, 2001," Yamat stated. "A 3.87 percent COLA ("cost of living increase") came in from the state for the 2001-2002 year, and we have received none of it from the district. We've been offered zero percent."

She said the "work to rule" action is designed to demonstrate the teachers' value to parents.

"It's a short-term effort designed to try and show the parents just how much extra free work the teachers put in every day," said Yamat.

District labor negotiator Jack Parham admitted that the district ended the last fiscal year "with about $800,000 more than we started the year with," but added that "as a percentage of the overall budget that's not very much."

"I can't imagine a worse climate to be negotiating in," he added. "I feel sorry for the teachers in so many ways. If we had the money, we'd be willing to (give the teachers a raise). But here we are responsible for not only looking backward, but looking forward. We have to worry about who's going to lose their jobs, and what services to kids we're going to cut."

Parham said that if the teachers receive a raise for the past year, it will be forced to carry into their current contract as well, and "me too" agreements with the district's other union employees mean they would get a raise as well – all in a climate of budget cutbacks.

Superintendent Stu Greenfeld commented on the labor controversy that "I don't think this is good for anybody. It's not good for the community and not good for the teachers or the kids."

"We do care about our staff," he added. We value them highly and we need to resolve this as soon as possible while we retain the fiscal stability of the school district."

"The district can call us back to the table any time they have a legitimate offer," said Yamat, of the teachers' union.

WUSD's negotiator, Parham, added that the district has retained consultant Ken Hall to analyze the district's finances and project the state's expected impacts on it. This will help the district find out what it would be "prudent" to spend, he said.

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Lose an hour in the morning, and you will be all day looking for it.
—Richard Whately

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Marriage is the only adventure open to the cowardly.
—Voltaire

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Nobody ever forgets where he buried a hatchet.
—Kin Hubbard

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'Across the Bridge':

Events around the region

KVIE looking for young artists and writers

KVIE Channel 6, the Central Valley's public television station, is seeking entries for the national Ninth Annual Reading Rainbow Contest. Children from kindergarten to third grade are encouraged to write and illustrate their own stories and enter them in the contest. Form more information, go to www.kviekids.org. or call 641-3543.

New play at SCC

The City Theatre of Sacramento City College will be presenting "The Boys Next Door", a comedy that addresses the needs of adult males with disabilities, from January 17 to February 1. Performances will be held on campus at the Art Court Theatre, 3835 Freeport Boulevard in Sacramento. For reservations and more information call 558-2228.

Antique Studebakers on display

The Antique Studebaker Club is showing a number of their vehicles at the Towe Auto Museum, 2200 Front Street in Sacramento, including models from 1929 and 1931. Admission is $6 for adults, $2.50 for high schoolers, $2 for grade schoolers, and under five free. For more information call 442-6802.

Glass, china & pottery show

The 32nd Anniversary Glass, China & Pottery Show and Sale will be held on February 1-2 at the Scottish Rite Temple, 6151 'H' Street in Sacramento. An expert glass restorer and other specialists will be available, along with reference books and collectables. For admission prices and more information, call 530-274-0911.

Student art exhibit

The Encina Art Gallery is presenting its fifth annual juried student exhibition, titled "Mona Lisa", from February 6 to March 12. The gallery is located on the campus of Encina High School at 1400 Bell Street in Sacramento. For more information, call Michael Stevens at 971-5881.

Hospice volunteers needed

First Call Home Care & Hospice will be training volunteers on February 11th from 7-9 p.m. The session will introduce volunteers to the philosophy of hospice and the role they can play. Additional sessions will include in-depth information and training on medical criteria, bereavement, pain management issues, and much more. If you would like to serve as a hospice volunteer, call 369-0562.

Genealogy meeting

The January meeting of the Sacramento German Genealogy Society will he held January 28th at 1 p.m. at St. Mark's United Methodist Church on Lusk Drive at St. Mark's Way in Sacramento. The speaker will be Edward Brandt, A.G., Ph.D., a prominent Germanic genealogist. For more information, call 782-5704.

Museum Day

On February 1st, 20 greater Sacramento area museums will be offering free public admission during the Annual Sacramento Museum Day, including the Folsom History Museum, whose newest exhibit is entitled, "The Legacy of Natomas: A Company Story." For more information, call the Museum Day Hotline at 641-3501.

Japanese spring food festival

The Sacramento Buddhist Church Women's Association and Adult Buddhist Association will hold their Annual Spring Japanese Food Festival on March 9th at 10:30 a.m. at the Sacramento Buddhist Church, 2401 Riverside Boulevard in Sacramento. Some of the following food will be featured: chicken teriyaki, maki sushi, inari sushi, California roll sushi, udon, chiraski zushi and much more. For more information, call 446-0121.

Wildlife refuge happenings

Wintering migration is presently flying through at Stone Lakes National Wildlife Refuge. Enjoy the self-guided hike to the wildlife viewing platform on January 11th and 25th. For updates and unexpected closures such as flooding, call 775-4420.

To reach the refuge take Interstate 5 to the Elk Grove Boulevard exit, turn west and park. The entrance is adjacent to the highway.

Crocker Art Museum exhibit

Strange Fruit: New Paintings by Hung Liu will be presented at the Crocker Art Museum, 216 "O" Street in Sacramento, from March 8th to May 4th. Liu was trained at China's prestigious Central Academy of Fine Arts in Beijing. Her paintings speak of adversity, war, poverty and perseverance. For more information, call 264-5423.

Wurlitzer pops concert

The Sierra Chapter of the American Theatre Organ Society will present Tom Thompson playing the George Seaver Memorial Theatre Pipe Organ on February 2nd at 2 p.m. at the Fair Oaks Community Clubhouse, located at 7997 California Street in Fair Oaks. Call 682-9699.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S No. 1045857-08 APN: 058-063-06,07,08,09- TRA: 004039 Loan No. 99449670 REF: **Washburn, Joan IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED March 29, 1999. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.** On January 28, 2003, at 09:00am, Cal-Western Reconveyance Corporation, as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded April 08, 1999, as inst. No. 99-0010740-00, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Yolo County, State of California, executed by Joan Washburn, An Unmarried Woman, will sell at public auction to highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state: In the courtyard located at 1350 Halyard Drive West Sacramento, California, all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: Completely described in said deed of trust. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 1536 Jefferson Blvd West Sacramento CA 95691 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust to wit: $52,971.16 with interest thereon from April 08, 2002 at 8.000% per annum as provided in said note(s) plus costs and any advances with interest. ESTIMATED TOTAL DEBT $58,174.54. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. For sales information: Mon-Fri 9:00am to 4:00pm (619) 590-1221. Cal-Western Reconveyance Corporation, 525 East Main Street, P.O. Box 22004, El Cajon, Ca 92022-9004 Dated December 23, 2002 Trustee Sale Officer: Rhonda L Rorie. (R-91749 01/01/03, 01/08/03, 01/15/03)

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SEE ATTACHMENT (CCP section 861.1)

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You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons is served on you to file a typewritten response at this court.

A letter or phone call will not protect you; your typewritten response must be in the proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case.

If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case, and your wages, money and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may call an attorney referral service or a legal aid office (listed in the phone book).

Despues de que le entreguen esta citacion judicial usted tiene un plazo de 30 DIAS CALENDRIOS para presentar una respuesta escrita a maquina en esta corte.

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The name and address of the court is: (El nombre y direccion de la corte es)

Yolo County Superior Court, 725 Court St., Rm. 103, Woodland, CA 95695.

Case Number (Numero del Caso) PT02-2023

The name, address and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without attorney, is: (El nombre, la direccion y el numero de telefono del abogado del demandante, o dal demandante que no tiene abogado, es): David P. Lanferman, SBN 071593, (415) 434-9100, Fax No. (415) 434-3947; Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton, LLP, Four Embarcadero Center, Suite 1700, San Francisco, CA 94111.

DATE: Nov. 21, 2002
KATHLEEN M. White, Clerk, By /s/_

Attachment to Summons

Pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure sections 863 and 861.1, this Summons is directed to all persons interested in the matter of Washington Unified School District Resolution No. 023-01, entitled, "A Resolution of the Governing Board of the Washington Unified School District Adopting a School Facility Needs Analysis and Adopting Alternative School Facility Fees in Compliance with Government Code Sections 65995.5, 65995.6 and 65995.7 and Making Related Findings and Determinations (Level 2/3 Fees)."

NOTICE is hereby given that all persons interested therein may appear or contest the validity of said Resolution by filing a written answer to the complaint not later than January 20, 2003, or 10 days after completion of the publication of this Summons.

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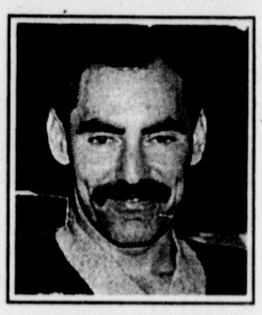
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF YOLO
In the Matter of KAYLANNI MONIQUE BONTON,
Minor.
No. JV-02-00178
CITATION

To all persons claiming to be the father of the above named minor:

YOU ARE HEREBY CITED AND REQUIRED TO APPEAR at a hearing in Yolo County Juvenile Court, located at 725 Court Street, Woodland, California, 95695, on February 19, 2003. At the hearing, the Court will decide whether to permanently terminate your parental rights over the above-named minor born to Kristine Bracy on March 29, 2002. If you wish to be represented by an attorney and are unable to afford one, the Court will appoint an attorney to represent you.

Dated: 12/13/2002
/s/JUDGE OF THE JUVENILE COURT

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Dec. 31, 2002
File No. 2002-1032

The following person is doing business as Vitality for Life (Pam Wilson), 443 First St., Woodland CA 95776:

Pam Wilson, c/o Makoto Kai, Healing Arts Center, 443 First St., Woodland CA 95776.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Dec. 31, 2002.

/s/Pam Wilson

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of the original document on file in this office. This certification is true as long as there are no alterations to the document, AND as long as the document is sealed with a red seal.

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County of Yolo
Tony Bernhard, County Clerk
Date: Dec. 31, 2002
by: /s/Cruz Nevarez-Ortiz, Deputy Clerk
Jan 15 22 29 Feb 5

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- *1 (4-serving) package sugar-free instant vanilla pudding mix*
- *2/3 cup nonfat dry milk powder*
- *1 1/2 cups water*
- *1/3 cup fat-free sour cream*
- *1 teaspoon rum extract*
- *1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg*
- *3/4 cup raisins*
- *2 cups cold cooked rice*
- *6 tablespoons reduced-calorie whipped topping*

In large bowl, combine dry pudding mix, dry milk powder and water. Mix well using a wire whisk. Blend in sour cream, rum extract and nutmeg. Add raisins and rice. Mix well to combine. Evenly spoon rice mixture into 6 dessert dishes. Top each with 1 tablespoon whipped topping. Lightly sprinkle additional nutmeg over the top of each, if desired. Refrigerate for at least 15 minutes. Makes 6 servings.

• Each serving equals: 168 calories, 0 g fat, 5 g protein, 37 g carb., 282 mg sodium, 1 g fiber; Diabetic Exchanges: 1 1/2 Starch, 1 Fruit.

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Lord, we know what we are, but know not what we may be.

—William Shakespeare, *Hamlet*

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Jan. 10, 2003
File No. 2003-32

The following person is doing business as Innovative Ag Systems, 34623 Paintridge Rd., Woodland CA 95695:

Charles C. Huxsoll, 192 Calle La Mesa, Moraga, CA 94566.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 1/10/03.

/s/Charles C. Huxsoll

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State of California
County of Yolo
Tony Bernhard, County Clerk
Date: Jan 10, 2003
by: /s/Vikki Wittig, Deputy Clerk
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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Dec. 24, 2002
File No. 2002-1021

The following person is doing business as Interstone, Inc., 6301 Skycreek Dr. #400, Sacramento CA 95828:

Interstone, Inc.; 6301 Skycreek Dr. #400, Sacramento, CA 95828.

This business is conducted by a corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Oct. 21, 2002.

/s/Mike Simonelli

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State of California
County of Yolo
Tony Bernhard, County Clerk
Date: Dec. 24, 2002
by: /s/Ava Woodard, Deputy Clerk
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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Dec 17, 2002
File No. 2002-1007

The following person is doing business as The Works, 1940 Delaware Ave., W. Sacto. CA 95691:

Danette Liffring, same address.

This business is conducted by Husband and Wife.

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/s/Danette Liffring

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First Baptist Church Gary Clements, Pastor Sun. Worship 9:45am Sun. eve. fellowship 6pm Jr/Sr High Youth Mon. 6:30pm Home Bible Studies Tues. 7pm Awana (K-6) Wed. 6:30pm Boy Scouts (11-18) Thurs. 6:30pm Men's Prayer Fllwship Sat. 8am 1511 Delaware Ave. 371-4061	**Trinity Presbyterian Church** 1500 Park Blvd., 371-5875 SUNDAY SCHEDULE: 10am Worship Service 11:15am Christian Education Child Care Provided JOIN US! www.2xtreme.net/clmet/trinity.htm	**Holy Cross Catholic Church** 1321 Anna St. near Todhunter 371-1211 Rev. Chad Puthoff, SDS Sat. Vigil 5pm (English) Sun. 9 (English) Noon & 7pm (Spanish) Mon. 8:30am, Tues-Wed 7am, Thurs. 6:45 (Spanish) Fri. 8:30am
First Southern Baptist Church Pastor Michael Root Sun. School 9:30am Sun. Worship 11am, 6:30pm Wed. 6:30pm Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 2124 Michigan Blvd. 371-2111	**Southport Community Church** James Allerton, Pastor 2568 Industrial Blvd. Elem. School 9:30 a.m. Children's Programs Wkly Small Grp Bible Study Great Music www.southportcommunity.com 372-7818	**Westside Covenant Church** 371-3933 Meeting Sunday at 10 a.m. at Westfield Village Elementary School 508 Poplar Ave. West Sacramento
Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church 911 Park Blvd., 371-4814 Father James B. Walsh, Pastor Masses: Sat. Vigil 5:30pm Sunday 9 & 10:30am Weekdays 7am No Mass on Thursday	**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints** Bishop Ray Jackson ■ 2667 Linden Rd 10am Sacrament Meeting 11:20am Sunday School 12:10pm Priesthood/Relief Society PUBLIC WELCOME! 373-1801	**River of Life Community Church** Pastor Dave Losey 3605 Gregory Ave. 10 a.m. Worship Children's Programs Youth 6 p.m. www.intheriver.com 371-6706

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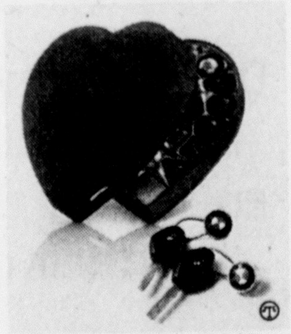
(NAPS)—This Valentine's Day, drive your sweetheart wild with a decadent gift and the chance to escape into romantic bliss.

Godiva Chocolatier is paving the road to romance with its new "Love in Bloom" 2003 collection and an exhilarating promotion that gives couples a chance to win luxurious prizes. This year's promotion puts a new "spin" on Godiva's seven-year tradition. For the first time, there are prizes for both him and her.

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The prizes in Godiva's Valentine's Day promotion may be won by finding winning prize certificates hidden inside eligible gift boxes ($23 value or higher) from the chocolatier's "Love in Bloom" 2003 collection.

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A certificate for a fabulous pair of "His and Hers" 2003 BMW Z4 3.0i roadsters could be your sweet surprise when you open a box of Godiva Valentine's Day chocolates.

The 2003 Godiva Valentine's Day Game begins in January when the "Love in Bloom" collection goes on sale everywhere Godiva chocolate is sold. No purchase necessary; to receive a free game piece (including official rules), send a self-addressed, stamped envelope postmarked by March 1, 2003 to "2003 Godiva Valentine's Day Game," P.O. Box 13121, Bridgeport, CT 06673-3121. Open to U.S. and Canadian residents, 18 and older. Void in the Province of Quebec, Puerto Rico and where prohibited. The promotion ends February 28, 2003. More information, including Official Rules, is available at Godiva.com.

OPINION

News-Ledger Editor

Casino: no mandate, no deal, no time -- now what?

Circumstances, and some of the council's own actions, have painted the West Sacramento City Council into a bit of a corner on the casino conundrum.

The question of whether to welcome an Indian gaming casino to the northwest corner of the city has been in the public eye for over a year, but it has yet to receive an official, thorough public airing. In mid-2002, the casino's proponents and the council opted not to do what they had said they would do earlier: send the question to local voters for an "advisory ballot" in November. Proponents had shifted strategies, and a public vote was no longer important to them.

Then, in the fall, a 3-2 vote of the city council made a momentous deal with the proposed casino. The secret deal followed private negotiations – all legal, since the deal involved West Sacramento's promise to exit a legal case the tribe was pursuing in federal court. This qualified it the deal as "settlement of litigation," which can be handled in closed session.

Soon on the heels of that deal came a referendum in which at least 1,500 qualified local voters objected to the secret deal, successfully voiding it.

So now there is no public advisory vote, and no deal. The city is still a party to the tribe's lawsuit in federal court, though, and the judge wants to hear what West Sacramento wants later this month. That's an awkward deadline for a city government that finds itself with no public mandate and no deal.

What, exactly, should the council tell the judge, who is trying to decide whether the Upper Lake Pomo Band of Indians should be given the right to turn part of West Sacramento into sovereign tribal land suitable for Las Vegas-style action?

The council must now move cautiously.

One good strategy would be for the city to remain involved in the lawsuit for now, and meet the judge's deadline with a conservative statement. The city could tell the court only what it is fair to tell: the tribe from the Clear Lake area does not have strong ties to this area, and the citizens of West Sacramento have not authorized the city to seek a casino.

Meanwhile, the city could commence its planned set of hearings on the benefits and drawbacks of having a gaming resort attached to West Sacramento's borders, proceeding with the fastest practical speed.

Local leaders believe that a "good" agreement with the casino is be a needed insurance policy for the community, whether the community ends up wanting the casino or not. After all, the issue of whether to place a casino here will ultimately be decided at higher levels of government. The problem is that the last agreement (now voided) wasn't much good. Income promised to the city by the bargain was high, but the contract was rife with loopholes and omissions.

If in the next few months of open, public date – and even a possible advisory vote – West Sacramento makes a "good" deal with the tribe, the city could opt out of the lawsuit at that time.

The time is due – overdue, really – for a serious public discussion of what the casino means and what the city needs from any deal with a proposed gaming establishment. Yes, there is risk in starting this process so late. But we've already seen the risk inherent with avoiding public discussion and deliberation.

Letters to the Editor

In support of teachers

The push is on for a bond measure to build a new high school in our community and, although I strongly support this effort, I question the value of a new building if Washington Unified School District cannot staff it with qualified instructors. WUSD has lost the power to draw and keep the most qualified teachers. Our teachers are leaving for better salaries and working conditions at an alarming rate. WUSD offers little to entice new hires to fill vacant positions. Special education teachers (especially speech therapists) are being contracted through outside sources because our pay scale can't draw qualified applicants. It is a fact that the teacher shortage has created a market where teachers can shop for the best and most lucrative career opportunities, and they are doing just that!

WUSD teachers are asking for a modest pay increase for last year (COLA from 2001-2002). This is money the school district already has received from the state. The Board of Education and the administration have chosen to put teachers low on their priority list. I call on parents and concerned community members to start asking some hard questions of our school board and district administrators. We must demand that our children have qualified teachers (with appropriate credentials) in every classroom.

MARY McREYNOLDS
West Sacramento

We do more than sit on crates

I read with great interest the letter to the editor from a "concerned citizen" regarding WUSD and the current teacher pay/contract problems. I agree that the contract needs to be settled in favor of the teachers. However, I take exception to the obvious uninformed opinion expressed regarding campus aides.

The writer observed that all the campus aides do is sit on crates and watch the traffic. What the writer does not understand is that the campus aides are monitoring the street in front of the school during high traffic periods to prevent students from leaving school and wandering the neighborhood.

Campus aides assist in the drug/alcohol arrests, tardy sweeps, disciplinary measure, hall monitoring, and identification of suspicious activity on campus and in the surrounding neighborhood. We know the students and their activities better than any "rent-a-cop" could and we feel that we contribute significantly to the education of each student at River City High.

It is unfair to accuse us of sitting around doing nothing unless the writer has take time to ask what we are doing.

We support our students, our teachers, our administrators, and our community. We do not support attacks on our work ethic nor our perceived lack of contribution to River City High. Therefore, in the future, please take the time to understand our role rather than degrade us.

DEBBIE HEARNE
RCHS Campus Aide

Thanks

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all of Homer's many West Sacramento friends for the dozens of wonderful cards and letters I have received since his death. His passing was indeed a great loss to his family and friends and your thoughtfulness has been very important in helping me get through this difficult time.

I would also like to say a special "thank you" to the following individuals who made donations in Homer's name to some of his favorite charities: Dr. Gaing Chan and his wife, Lilly; Everett Johnson; Frank and Joann Ramos; Dolores and Art Shoemaker; the Ross family; Betty and Joe Sokolich; and Ardie Barber.

Home and I have worked and lived in West Sacramento since 1953 and he would want you all to know just how much he loved the many wonderful years he spent in this community. And once again, thank you all so very much for your kind and caring cards and letters.

DOROTHY MORRIS
West Sacramento

Questioning tax proposals

How about all of these potential tax changes

Please see LETTERS, p. 11

Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Dec. 3, 2002
File No. 2002-967

The following person is doing business as Israel Outdoors, 1205 Covell Place, Davis, CA 95616.

Avi Green, 1205 Covell Place, Davis CA 95616.

This business is conducted by a Joint Venture.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 12/3/02.

/s/Avi Green

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File No. 2002-983

The following person is doing business as Silver Spur, 2125 West Capitol Ave., West Sacramento, CA 95691:

Robert A. Villarrael and Nataliya Klepach, 2230 Tallac St., Sac., CA 95821.

This business is conducted by a General Partnership.

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/s/Robert A. Villarrael
/s/Nataliya Klepach

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File No. 2002-1022

The following person is doing business as Dewey Pest Control, 2110 March Road, Roseville CA 95747-9702.

Dewey Services, Inc., 939 East Union St., Pasadena CA 91106.

This business is conducted by a corporation.

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/s/Ron Pelham, President
Dewey Services, Inc.

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Dec. 18 , 2002
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The following person is doing business as California Weeds, 220 A Cottage Circle, Davis, CA 95616:

Evelyn A. Healy, 220A Cottage Cir., Davis CA 95616; Joseph M. DiTomaso, 1109 Petra Ct., Davis CA 95616.

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/s/Evelyn A. Healy

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Filed Oct 2, 2002
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The following person is doing business as Kamon Foods, LLC, 129 E St., Suite D-1, Davis CA95616 :

Hitomi Phan, 413 Grande Ave., Davis CA 95616.

This business is conducted by a limited liability company.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Oct. 1, 2002. Previous fictitious business name number 2000-911.

/s/Hitomi Phan

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State of California
County of Yolo
Tony Bernhard, County Clerk
Date: Oct. 2, 2002
by: /s/Victoria Barnes, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Dec. 11, 2002
File No. 2002-999

The following person is doing business as Davis Ford; Davis Nissan, 5080 Chiles Rd., Davis CA 95616.

Davis Ford Inc. (a Delaware corp.), 5080 Chiles Road, Davis CA 95616.

This business is conducted by a corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on NOT YET BEGUN.

/s/B.L. Kilbride, Vice President
Davis Ford, Inc.

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State of California
County of Yolo
Tony Bernhard, County Clerk
Date: Dec. 11, 2002
by: /s/Ava Woodard, Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF VALENTINA YBARRA
CASE NUMBER PB03-06

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of VALENTINA YBARRA:

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by William John Ybarra in the Superior Court of Yolo, County of Yolo.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that William John Ybarra be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on Jan. 30, 2003, at 8:30 a.m. at Dept. 7 at Yolo County Superior Court, 725 Court St., Woodland, CA 95695.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a "Request for Special Notice" (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A "Request for Special Notice" form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for Petitioner:
/s/Richard H. Will
2001 21st Street
Sacramento CA 95818
916-456-3226

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NOTICE TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION

A Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared for the Broderick Boat Ramp Launching Facility Improvement Project located on the west bank of the Sacramento River on the northeast corner of the City of West Sacramento. This Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared to address the potential environmental impacts of the improvement project. The Mitigated Negative Declaration concludes that with the implementation of recommended mitigation measures there will be no significant adverse impacts on the environment.

Copies of the Mitigated Negative Declaration are on file in the office of the West Sacramento Community Development Department located at 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691 (telephone: 916/617-4645).

Any affected or interested parties may appear at the February 5, 2003, City Council meeting and comment on the Mitigated Negative Declaration and/or the proposed project.

The West Sacramento City Council will consider adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration on February 5, 2003, in the City Council chambers located at 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691 at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard.

Jan 15

NOTICE OF CANCELLATION
WEST SACRAMENTO PLANNING COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 6, 2003

The February 6, 2003 meeting of the West Sacramento Planning Commission has been canceled. The next meeting of the Planning Commission will be held on February 20, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, Council Chambers, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento.

/s/Stephen M. Patek, Director
Community Development Department

Jan 15

Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Jan. 3, 2003
File No. 2003-5

The following person is doing business as JIMBOY'S TACOS #205, 80 W. Court St., Woodland, CA.

JTR Woodland, Inc., 5423 Maidstone Way, Citrus Heights CA 95621, a California corp.

This business is conducted by a Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 1/3/03.

/s/Randy Laffoon

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State of California
County of Yolo
Tony Bernhard, County Clerk
Date: Jan. 3, 2003
by: /s/Vikki Wittig, Deputy Clerk

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Things are beautiful if you love them.
—Jean Anouilh
Mademoiselle Colombe

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Life is the game that must be played.
—Edward Arlington Robinson

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PUZZLES & COMICS

Got a Life

by Terri Davis



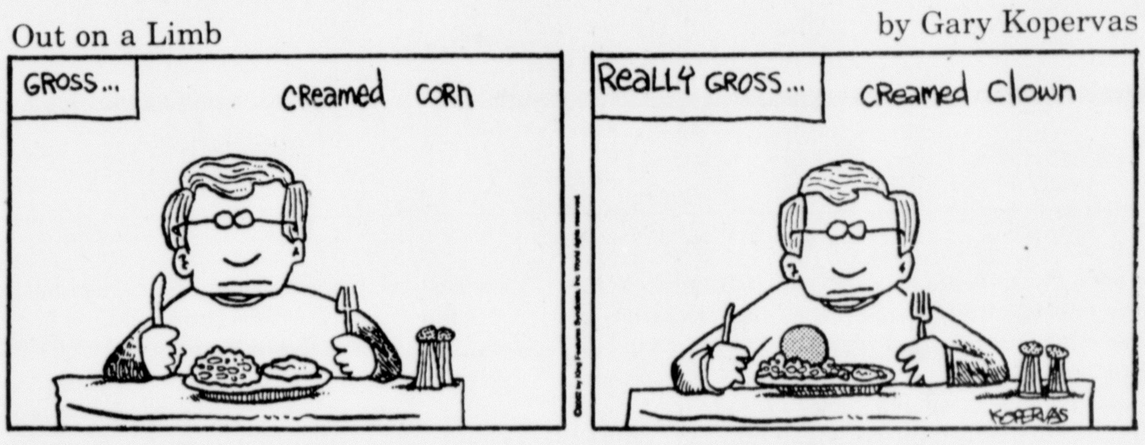
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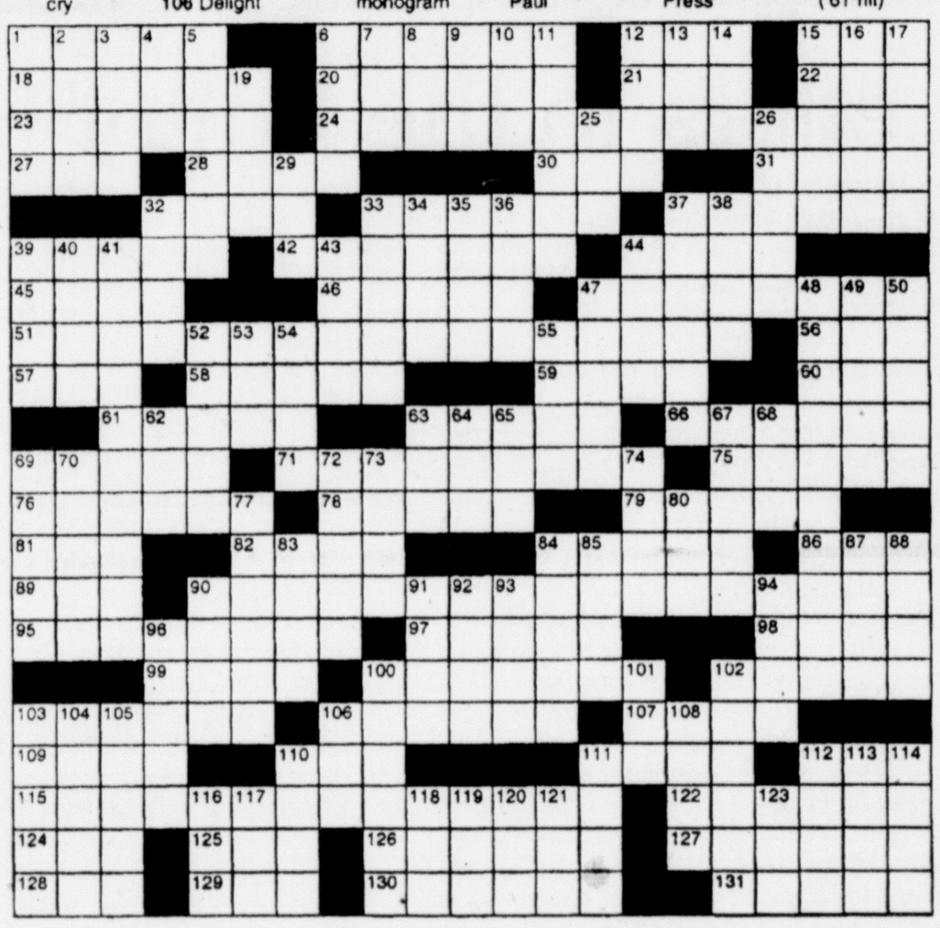




Super Crossword

ACROSS
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6 Shakespeare heroine
12 "— Ballou" ('65 film)
15 Bribe
18 '01 Audrey Tautou film
20 Drifting
21 He gives a hoot
22 "Tarzan" extra
23 Let up
24 Riddle: Part 1
27 Fashion monogram
28 Beethoven's birthplace
30 Highest card
31 Japanese city
32 Ashbrook or Carvey
33 "Taxi" star
37 Savage
39 Throbbed
42 Jazzman Dave
44 Compote component
45 Word with dance or dunk
46 Conflict site
47 Generosity
51 Riddle: Part 2
56 Cornfield cry
57 Turkish title
58 Indo-European
59 Pro foe
60 Cable channel
61 "Love Story" author
63 Bestow
66 "— of the North" ('22 film)
69 Botch
71 Ornamental material
75 Sheds
76 Cashew kin
78 Alpha opposite
79 It multiplies by dividing
81 Runner Sebastian
82 Choir member
84 Tennyson's "Enoch —"
86 Houston or Huff
89 — Arbor, MI
90 Riddle: Part 3
95 '74 Abba hit
97 Moshe of Israel
98 Annoy
99 Journalist Jacob
100 Part of FBI
102 Sapphire surface
103 Lysander's home
106 Delight
107 Obote's ouster
109 European capital
110 JFK abbr.
111 Candid
112 Burglarize
115 Answer to riddle
122 Where to find a fennec
124 Delivery truck
125 Help
126 Rococo
127 Dieter's portion
128 Meadow mama
129 Sneak a peek
130 Shows one's feelings
131 Author Zola

DOWN
1 Player or Puckett
2 Leon of "Mister Ed"
3 Reveal
4 Barcelona bravo
5 Seafaring storyteller
6 Pestiferous person
7 Mistaken
8 "Treasure Island" monogram
9 One — customer
10 Charleson or Carmichael
11 Storm
12 Crypt-analyst's concern
13 Impress immensely
14 RN's specialty
15 '78 Peace Nobelist
16 Glass work
17 Piano part
19 Short jacket
25 Rhine whine
26 Harden
29 Apprehend
32 Actress Moore
33 Part of HOMES
34 "Yeah, sure!"
35 Tahoe town
36 Injury after-effect
37 "White Christmas" composer
38 Fad
39 Movie mutt
40 Drain problem
41 Aggravation
43 Sita's spouse
44 Covenant
47 Panelist Paul
48 SAT part
49 Wooden shoe
50 Lucas critters
52 Philistine deity
53 Precambrian —
54 Auel heroine
55 Light wagon
62 Maestro de Waart
63 Vigoda or Fortas
64 Witty one
65 Botanist Gray
67 Correct
68 British big shot
69 Tropical screecher
70 Actress Massey
72 Government game
73 Out of control
74 Pianist Lupu
77 Showy flower
80 With 121 Down, famed Giant
83 Vientiane's nation
84 Mindful
85 Barrett or Jaffe
87 Competent
88 TV's "— the Press"
90 Decree
91 "— fixe"
92 Nothing, in Navarra
93 Colors
94 Neighbor of Pakistan
96 Comic Leon
100 Chocolate or strawberry
101 Drink like a dachshund
102 It may be grand
103 White wine
104 "Fie!"
105 Isolated
106 School grp.
108 Clutter
110 Guitarist Duane
111 Singles
112 Sitarist Shankar
113 Hurler Hershiser
114 Unadorned
116 Singing syllables
117 Shrill sound
118 High dudgeon
119 Genetic letters
120 Cul-de- —
121 See 80 Down
123 "Run to —" ('61 hit)



Please see answers on back page

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



DIRECTIONS
Fill each square with a number, one through nine
- Horizontal squares should add to totals on right.
- Vertical squares should add to totals on bottom.
- Diagonal squares through center should add to total in upper and lower right.

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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2nd little
3rd little
Annie Sue
Arnold
Gordy
Miss Piggy
Oolong
Penelope
Petunia
Piggy bank
Piglet
Porky
This little
Wilbur

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DINING, TRAVEL & ENTERTAINMENT

Cooking Corner
Tips To Help You

Top Secret Chili Ingredients Revealed

(NAPS)—In a recent national survey, nearly 20 percent of home chili makers disclosed they have a secret ingredient. No matter if it's coffee, pinto beans or honey, Americans are serious about making chili that celebrates their individual style, taste and personality.

Of those surveyed, 32 percent believe in a time-tested tradition—creating chili with a secret family ingredient. And, nearly 15 percent of those refuse to reveal it—even in an anonymous survey.

For those who broke their silence, hot sauce, sugar/brown sugar, cumin, cayenne peppers and chili peppers are the top five most used secret ingredients. Rounding out the list of favorites, chili lovers frequently turn to a favorite beer to add flair and flavor to their ultimate one-dish meal.

Others simply insist on the best ingredients, beginning with the beans. Start with quality beans such as Bush's Best Kidney, Pinto or Chili Beans—the three most popular beans for chili—all cooked to perfection to be tender and flavorful.

A simple recipe that doesn't take hours to prepare, All-American Chili is ideal for beginners or experts.



Most Americans (78 percent) prefer a thick and substantial chili with beans.

All-American Chili
Serves 8

2 cans (15-oz.) Bush's Best Chili Beans
1 pound lean ground beef
1 cup chopped onion
1 cup chopped green pepper
1 can (14.5 oz.) diced tomatoes
1 can (6 oz.) tomato paste
½ cup water
¼ teaspoon black pepper
1 teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon chili powder
2 teaspoons oregano
1 teaspoon sugar
Shredded Cheddar cheese

In large pan, cook beef, onion and green pepper until meat is browned. Drain excess grease. Stir in remaining ingredients, except cheese. Bring to boil. Cover, reduce heat to low, and simmer for 20 minutes. Garnish with cheese.

For more great chili recipes, visit bushbeans.com/beans

Tips on Trips

Finding Free Family Fun

(NAPS)—There may be some surprising news for families looking to hit the road without breaking the bank: Las Vegas can be one of the cheaper vacation destinations out there.

That's because Las Vegas hotels and airlines offer great deals to attract visitors—and some of the best sights to see in the desert city are free. Here's the Travelers Advantage list of 10 memorable—and free—things to do in Vegas:

1. Start with The Battle of Buccaneer Bay at Treasure Island. See live "pirates" fighting the "British" to the brink in a one-of-a-kind pyrotechnic sea battle.

2. At Bellagio, more than a thousand fountains dance in front of the hotel. This spectacular display spans more than 1,000 feet with water soaring as high as 240 feet—all choreographed to music.

3. Head downtown and visit the Fremont Street Experience. Opened to pedestrian-only traffic in 1995, Fremont Street offers nightly light shows featuring a canopy of 2.1 million lights and 540,000 watts of sound and music.

4. Run away with the circus. The world's largest permanent circus is at Circus Circus. It gives visitors the chance to see all the excitement and action of the circus as never before.

5. Caesar's Palace has the ever-popular Fall of Atlantis, one of the best-attended shows in Las Vegas. As the "children of Atlantis" fight for control of Atlantis, the animatronic figures come to life in this dazzling, high-tech production. Also at Caesar's, the Festival Fountain Show features an animatronic discussion between Bacchus, Venus, Apollo and Pluto.



There are a number of free attractions that draw families to Las Vegas every year.

6. The Mirage and the Volcano. Beginning at dusk, the volcano erupts every 15 minutes until midnight. Be sure to arrive at least 10 minutes early—this show is very popular with the crowd.

7. Cruise the Strip and see a free light show created by more than 15,000 miles of neon tubing and attention-getting architecture.

8. Visit the open-air home of Siegfried & Roy's rare and exotic Royal White Tigers. When not appearing in the show or in the Habitat, the Royal White Tigers enjoy their own spacious living environment and periodic excursions into the countryside.

9. Visit M&M's World, a four-story interactive shopping and retail complex that features your favorite candies, characters and merchandise available in one superstore.

10. People watch. There's an amazing array of people—from folks in tuxedos out on the town to families enjoying the sights—who visit the many casinos and attractions in this fabulous desert city.

For more information or to become a member of Travelers Advantage, visit www.travelersadvantage.com.

(NAPS)—In an effort to help Medicare-enrolled, low-income seniors better manage their health care within a limited budget, Pfizer has created the Pfizer for Living Share Card™ program. The Share Card enables qualified seniors to purchase up to a 30-day supply of most Pfizer medicines, which include some of the most prescribed treatments for high blood pressure, high cholesterol and diabetes, for a flat fee of $15 per prescription. The program also provides members with easy-to-read health information on 16 common medical conditions and a toll-free help line with live operators. Share Card applications are available by calling 1-800-717-6005 and additional information is available at www.pfizerforliving.com.

Keeping America's teens on the road to safety is a pledge that many young people take not to drink, especially during prom season. High school students countrywide are joining a special campaign, the Nationwide Prom Promise, to reduce the number of teens who are seriously injured or killed, especially at prom time, because they used drugs or alcohol. Students interested in participating should call the Nationwide Prom Promise Information Line at 1-800-211-7766, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Once registered, high schools will receive posters, Nationwide Prom Promise pledge cards, student gifts and a Nationwide Prom Promise manual.





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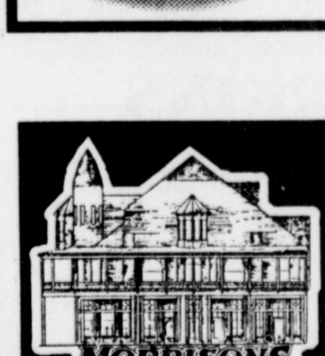
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PAGE FROM THE PAST

THE YOLO INDEPENDENT — FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1918.

BEAUTIFUL AND RELIGIOUS SERVICE AT CATHOLIC CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY

MEIXICAN COLONY IS PREPARED TO CELEBRATE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALOUPE.

The annual celebration in honor of "Our Lady of Guadaloupe" will be observed on the coming Sunday, December 8th, at the Church of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament, Washington.

On that day there will be two masses at the local church. The first mass will be at 8 o'clock, and will be the Children's Communion Mass. The second mass will be at 10 o'clock. It will be a solemn high Mass with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. There will be three priests officiating.

The choir from the Woodland Catholic Church will render appropriate music during the high Mass at 10 o'clock. Miss Zita Foster the talented musician will be at the organ.

The celebration this year will have a three-fold significance. Apart from the fact that December 8th is also the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, who is the Patron Saint of America, the high Mass which will be celebrated at 10 o'clock will also be in Thanksgiving to the Almighty for the peace which He has sent once more and for the cessation of the epidemic of influenza. In the afternoon there will be rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Our Lady's Choir of the local church under the direction of Miss Guadaloupe Ortiz, its president, will render music during the rosary and Benediction in the afternoon.

The story of Our Lady of Guadaloupe is known to all Mexicans and the Basilica erected by the Mexican people at Guadaloupe, just a short distance from Mexico City, is a magnificent emblem of the reverence and honor paid her.

A devout Indian passing a barren mountain in that locality many years ago was astonished to hear wonderful music coming from the summit of the mountain. On looking for its source he saw a wondrous lady clad in blue at the summit.

She counseled him to see the Archbishop and ask him to build a church in her honor at the spot where she stood.

The Indian failed to carry the message fearing he would be ridiculed. Later on the same vision appeared to him and again asked him to carry her message.

He told her he must have some proof to show the Archbishop in order to convince him.

She told him to gather the flowers at his feet. Knowing the spot to be barren he looked around in astonishment and in dismay found flowers growing where a short time before there was naught but sand.

Gathering a large bouquet he placed it in his mantle and went to the Archbishop. He told his story and for proof opened his blanket when there was exposed a most beautiful picture of the Virgin.

That picture is in the Basilica at Guadaloupe and has been admired by millions of people while no painter has been able to analyze its coloring.

CHARLES MAINS MADE SUPREME SACRIFICE IN BATTLE

"KILLED IN ACTION" ON OCT. 18 IS MESSAGE RECEIVED BY RELATIVES

Miss Elizabeth Moran, aunt of Charles Daniel Mains, was notified by wire last Tuesday from the War Department that her nephew lost his life in action on October 18th in France.

This was the first notification she had received that he had been injured and although a letter dated October 13th was received from him he was at that time in good health but had been over the top many times.

In that letter he told his aunt and sister, Mrs. John Allerton, that he had not had his shoes off but once in three weeks and then only to put on a new pair. This goes to show that he was in the thick of the running when the Germans turned tail.

Mains was the third young man from Washington out of a total of 70 to make the supreme sacrifice. Two others—Almer Norton and Lester Palm—died of disease at Portsmouth, Va.

On several occasions Charlie Mains volunteered in the army and navy but was turned down on account of defective teeth. Finally he was taken in the draft on June 27th when he went to Camp Kearny. Early in August he was sent to France in Company G, 306th Infantry. He was 31 years old. He followed river fishing for years and other work when that business was slow or out of season. He was a Roman Catholic.

Besides his sister, Mrs. Allerton, he leaves his aunt, Elizabeth Moran, and an aunt, Mrs. W. A. Duncan, of Shasta County.

During his short time of service he had been promoted three times indicating that he devoted his entire time and energy to his duties.

He was a general favorite around Washington, known to all the people and living quietly with his aunt and sister.

INFLUENZA HOSPITAL CLOSED AT THE COUNTY SEAT

Woodland, Dec. 3.—The influenza hospital that has been maintained by the city in Burns' Hotel was closed today, the last patients having been discharged.

About 200 cases were handled in the hospital during the epidemic here. There are no cases in Woodland now, so far as is known.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

Estate of Ambrose Wilson Baker, sometimes known as and called A. W. Baker, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, Winfred E. Baker, Administrator of the Estate of Ambrose Wilson Baker, sometimes known as and called A. W. Baker, deceased, to the creditors of, and all persons having claims against the said deceased to file them, with the necessary vouchers, in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Yolo, or to exhibit them, with the necessary vouchers to the said Administrator at the office of Chas. H. Crocker, 604 Eye Street, Sacramento, County of Sacramento, State of California, which said office the undersigned designates as his place of business in all matters connected with said estate of said deceased, within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice.

Dated this 5th day of December, 1918.

WINFRED E. BAKER,
Administrator of the estate of said deceased.

Chas. H. Crocker, Attorney for said Administrator.

The first publication of this notice was made on the 6th day of December, 1918.

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BIBLE NOT TOO SACRED FOR WOODLAND MAN TO STEAL

Chico (Butte Co.), Nov. 30.—The police were notified last night that the sanctuary of the Episcopal Church had been entered and the premises rifled.

About half an hour later Officer J. A. Light encountered a stranger, Fred West, who claimed he arrived last night from Woodland.

West was garbed in the vestments of the pastor, and was carrying the church Bible, four empty demijohns and several of the communion glasses.

West could give no lucid explanation of his actions, and was placed in jail.

Rev. Osborne, pastor of the church is ill at his home, and was unable to make a survey of the articles missing from the church, but it is believed the edifice was rifled of several articles besides those recovered.

The demijohns were used for the storing of wine used in communion.

He has been sleeping in the church for the past week, covering himself with the sacred vestments, drinking the sacrificial wine from the holy cruets, and when this supply was exhausted, drinking the holy altar wine.

CARD OF THANKS.

For the many and beautiful tokens of esteem sent by friends and neighbors during our late bereavement we offer our sincere and heartfelt thanks.

THE FAMILY OF A. J. SOULE.

All the people of Washington read The Independent.

SPLENDID STORE PREMISES OCCUPIED BY GROCERY FIRM

Kinch & Beale moved last Monday from their cramped quarters on 2d street to the spacious store in the Harbinson building at the corner of 3rd and Ann streets.

The new quarters have been appropriately fitted and present a neat, clean and sanitary store.

On account of increasing business it became necessary to secure more space and because a larger and more varied stock was demanded the change was fully warranted.

Mr. Kinch has been in business somewhat less than a year. All her time she devoted to it in an effort to raise a young family.

Of late she was forced to take in her brother-in-law, Mr. Beale, and the move made last Monday is to still better her accommodations.

CYCLE CLUB WILL GIVE DANCE ON DEC. 14TH

Saturday evening, December 14th, has finally been set for the popular dance planned by the Washington Cycle Club.

On several occasions the date was postponed through the influenza epidemic, but now that all restrictions have been removed the boys are doing their best to make the occasion a great success.

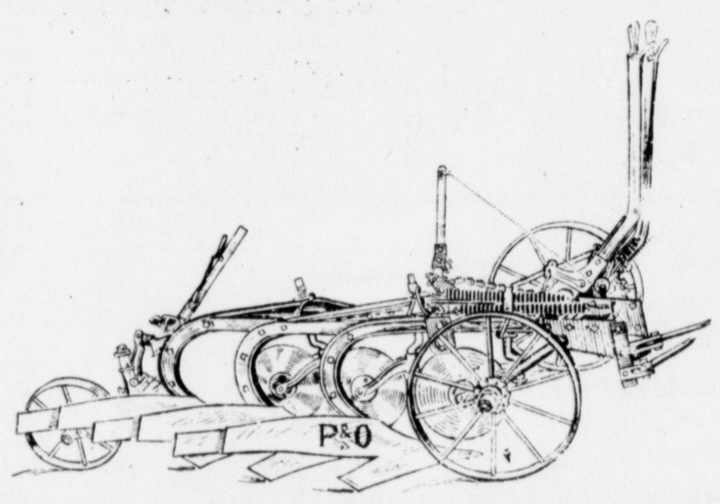
Music will be furnished by the Washington Boys' Band and a full orchestra will be on hand with the most popular airs.

The proceeds will be given to the local Chapter of the Red Cross, and on that account the organization is helping to make the dance a huge success.

The price of admission has been placed at 25 cents.

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being proposed? Dubya is calling for "elimination of double-taxation of dividends", but like his big tax cut, the vast majority of the benefits go to the highest two or three percent of income recipients, and if we accept "W's" latest, let's also end the unique protection of corporate investment: While now one's liability is limited to one's investment (unlike sole proprietorships, partnerships, etc., where liability is unlimited), let's just end that form of business and end the double taxation and the limited liabilities, and clamp down on the bankruptcy laws which allow people to get rich while going broke.

On the California level: (a) The state constitution must be changed to eliminate the "use it or lose it" for each department for each fiscal year and gradually create a "safety net reserve" that does not brag (in effect) about all of the extra money the state would have to throw around or back; (b) Re-regulate utilities; (c) Examine who's still doing so well even in these times, e.g., developers who buy up vast acreages, get it rezoned, and have it become worth millions more; (d) Reverse and repay to locales that annual $2.8 million the state began taking about ten years ago to cover what should have been a "community colleges' shortfall."

WILLIAM A. LOWELL
West Sacramento

In support of Bush

President Bush proposed a permanent tax cut for all tax payers. The more you pay the more you get back. The Liberal Democrats have offered a one-time social welfare rebate good for one year only to all people whether they pay taxes or not.

Let's look at a typical family. Two young college graduates in their mid-twenties start as beginning teachers. Depending on their qualifications and school district, they will earn between $34,000 and $40,000 per year. Together they will earn around $70,000, which Representative Gephardt, Democrat, defines as rich.

Under the Liberal Democrats one-time social welfare plan they will get back $600 for this year, and next year they won't get it back, so in essence their taxes will go up next year by $600.

Under the Bush tax cut plan they will get about $800 back this year. Next year they will also get back $800. The year after that they will also get back about $800. As their income grows, they will get more back under the Bush plan. Under the Democrats' plan as their income grows they will feel bracket creep and watch more and more of their income going to taxes.

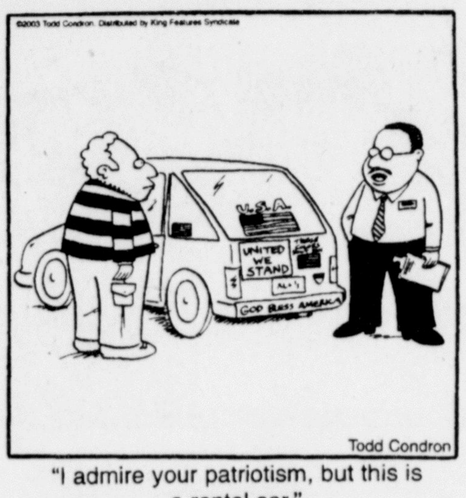
Our choice is between a one-time giveaway program or a permanent tax cut. The typical family will get more with President Bush's plan in year one, and will get it year after year. The Liberal Democrats plan is a one time rebate, without any follow up.

It's an easy choice for me, and for all the smart people of this country.

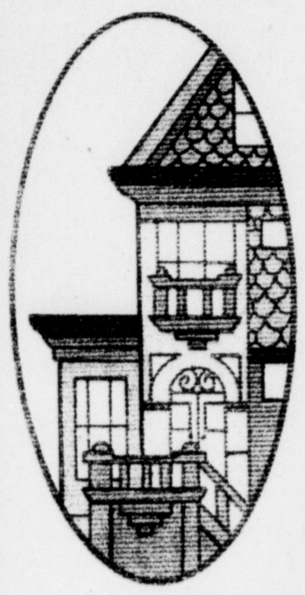
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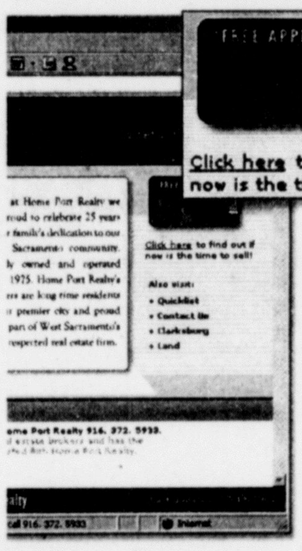


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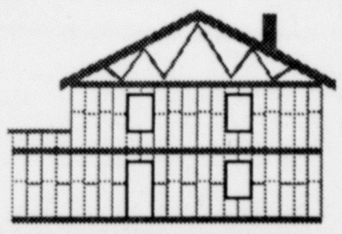


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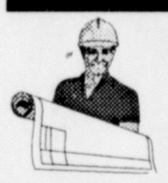
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Local Scene

Name the fair

The Yolo County Fair has announced it is staging a contest to name the theme of the 2003 fair. All Yolo County residents are invited to enter. Winner will receive a plaque. Entries are due by Feb. 3 (postmarked) to Marjorie Pearce, Exhibitor Coordinator, Yolo County Fair, 1125 East St., Woodland CA 95776. The fair is scheduled for Aug. 13-17. For more information, call (530) 662-5393.

Little League

Washington Little League's 2003 registration will take place at the league snack bar, 1225 Carrie St., from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays, Jan. 18 & 25. Fees are $50 if paid by Jan. 31, and $60 after. For information, call Jimmy Mendoza, 375-1275.

Horse(wo)men

The next meeting of the West Sacramento Trail Riders Association (WSTRA) is Feb. 7 at 7 p.m. at the home of Bob & Pat Hart. Call 376-9129 or 417-7266 for information. The association also invites riding supporters to attend the city planning commission at 6 p.m. on Jan. 16, when the commission will discuss the city's parks plan.

Art guild

The West Sacramento Art Guild will meet at 2 p.m. on Jan. 28 at 1510 Merkley Ave., in the studio of Ann Bissett-Clark. Meetings are open to everyone. Membership dues are $10 per year. Call Stella, 371-3744, for information.

Quilters

A new "quilting guild" has formed in Clarksburg. Interested people are invited to meet at 6:30 p.m. on Tues., Jan. 28, at the Clarksburg Community Church activity room. The group will discuss organizational items, including charitable activities and adoption of the proposed name "Delta Piecemakers." Attendees are invited to bring a family quilt or homemade quilt to share. Call (916) 744-1320 for information.

Our Lady of Grace

Our Lady of Grace School will hold registration for 2003-2004 kindergartners at 7 p.m. on Thurs., Feb. 13 at the school library. Bring the child's birth certificate, baptism certificate (if applicable), health (immunization) records, and a $225 registration fee. Call 371-9416.

Bus to Reno

The Italian Catholic Federation Br. #282 is sponsoring a bus trip to the Cal Neva in Reno on Mon., Jan. 27. Cost is $22, with a casino bonus of $10. The bus will leave at 10 a.m. from the VFW/River Cities Funeral Chapel parking lot and return at 9:30 p.m. Call 371-4871 or 373-3388.

Holiday recycling

The West Sacramento Senior Center can use your used greeting cards for crafts. Drop the cards off at 661 Cummins Way, or at the parks department in city hall, 1110 West Capitol Ave. You may recycle your Christmas tree by cutting it into three-foot sections and leaving it curbside.

Golden Years dinner

The Golden Years Club of West Sacramento is planning a potluck dinner at the VFW Hall, 905 Drever St., at 6 p.m. on Tues., Jan. 21. Please bring your own service. The group serves people age 50 and over. For membership information, call 371-8479 or 371-8126.

Food giveaway

The Food Bank of Yolo County plans to distribute food to eligible West Sacramento and Clarksburg residents on Jan. 25. From 8-10 a.m. at the county building on Triangle Ct., from 8-9:30 a.m. at the Sam Combs Activity Center, from 8:30-9:30 a.m. at the Yolo Housing Authority at 685 Lighthouse Dr., and from 10-11 a.m. at the Clarksburg Firehouse, commodities including apple sauce, apple juice, dried cherries, instant milk, rice and fruit may be available. Please bring a bag. For information on eligibility, call (530) 758-6821.

Congressional office

Congressman Mike Thompson, whose district includes West Sacramento and Yolo County, has opened an office at 712 Main St., Suite I in Woodland. The re-drawing of Congressional districts has moved former local Rep. Doug Ose eastward. Thompson invited constituents who need help with concerns such as the IRS, social security, veterans' affairs or military service to call the office at (530) 662-5272. Elly Fairclough is Thompson's new district representative to the county. The Congressman's immigration and international affairs specialist will hold office hours in Woodland Fridays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Jazzercise

Lose those holiday pounds through Jazzercise (exercise set to music) in sessions sponsored by the city parks department. Sessions are held at Southport Elementary School on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5:45 p.m.; Harbor Community Center on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 9 a.m.; and at the West Sacramento Senior Center on Saturdays at 9 a.m. A variety of fee options are available. Call 617-4620 (city parks department) or 698-8466 (instructor) for more information.

Bargain books

A book sale sponsored by the East Yolo Friends of the library will be held Sat.-Sun. Jan. 18-19, with Saturday hours from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The sale will be held in the community room of the Arthur F. Turner Branch Library, 1212 Merkley Ave. Donations of clean, gently used books are accepted year round in the library. Donations of magazines, catalogs and audio-visual materials are also welcome. Book sale proceeds benefit library programs.

Benefit for scouts

The West Sacramento Elks Lodge will host a "finger lickin' chicken benefit dinner" for the West Sacramento Sea Scouts from 6-8 p.m. on Sat., Jan. 17, at 423 Third St. in West Sacramento. Dinner & fixings for $10 per adult; $5 for kids 12 and under. Tickets can be purchased at the door, or call 372-4533.

Little League

West Sacramento Little League will hold registration for players age 5-16 on Saturdays, Jan. 18 from 10 a.m. to noon, and on Wednesday, Jan. 15, from 6-8 p.m. at the Fireman's Hall, 1966 Park Blvd. Fees are $40 (ages 5-6), $50 (ages 7-12) and $60 (ages 13-16). Includes refundable work deposit. A late fee will be charged to those registering after tryouts are over. Tryouts for players age 8-12 will be held on Feb. 1 & 8 at Memorial Park.

Monitoring your farm

A two-hour workshop on assessing the quality of soil, plant, water and animal resources on agricultural property will be held at 9 a.m. on Wed., Jan. 15, at Norton Hall, 70 Cottonwood St. in Woodland. Attendees will receive a free copy of the new RCD publication "Monitoring Your Farm." No charge for the workshop. Call (530) 662-4876 for more information.

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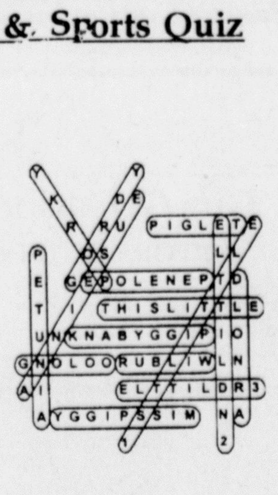
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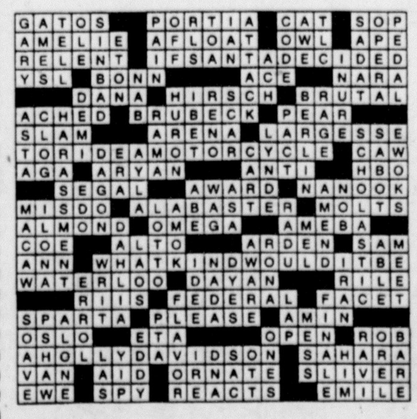
Answers to Puzzles & Sports Quiz

Answers

1. Four: Darrell Porter (St. Louis, 1982); Javy Lopez (Atlanta, 1996); Eddie Perez (Atlanta, 1998); and Benito Santiago (San Francisco, 2002).
2. Lance Johnson of the Chicago White Sox in 1995.
3. True — Allen coached two seasons in the USFL.
4. Hampton beat Iowa State in 2001.
5. The 2002-2003 campaign is Messier's 24th season.
6. Twice — 1992 and 1996.
7. Daly beat Costantino Rocca.

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solution

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23	23	23	29	29

Differences: 1. Briefcase is different. 2. Shoes are black. 3. Man's shirt is different. 4. No snow in shovel. 5. Tree is gone. 6. More bricks on house.